Statement III

Proposals received from Govt of Orissa pending environmental clearance

S. No.	Name of the Project	Received in
1.	Paradeep Fertiliser Complex	June, 1986
2.	Orissa Sands Complex	June, 1984
3.	Bharatpur Opencast Project, CCL	April, 1983
4.	Jagannath Opencast Project (Exp.), CCL	—
5.	Kalinga Opencast Project, SECL	March, 1987
6	Lingara Opencast Project, CCL	August, 1986
7.	Ananta Opencast Project SECL	August, 1986
8.	Samliswani Opencast-Project	June, 1987
9.	Lakhanpur Opencast Project	June, 1986
10	Matikhals Beach Sand deposit Project Indian Rare Earth Ltd	March, 1984

The projects are pending clearance due to non-availability of requisite environmental details. Consideration of the projects will be possible on availability of all the details

Assam-Nagaland Border Dispute

*147 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI F. M KHAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what efforts have recently been made by the Central Government to solve the Assam-Nagaland border dispute;

(b) whether the Assam Government has recently approached the Central Government in this regard so as to avoid violent incidents; and

(c) if so, what action the Central Government have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) to (c) The Shastri Commission of Inquiry appointed to enquire into the incidents relating to the Assam-Nagaland border conflict during the period from April to June, 1985 has, *inter-alia*, recommended appointment of a Commission with powers to give an award binding on both the State Governments within a fixed time limit to settle the long outstanding claims of Nagaland over some areas including the reserved forests of Assam By way of follow-up action on this recommendation, the Central Government are in touch with the State Government concerned for securing agreed terms of reference and a panel of mutually acceptable names for appointment of an Arbitrator whose award/decision would be binding upon both the State Governments

Rise in the consumer price index

*148 SHRI M. S GURUPADASWAMY :

DR BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for the past six months the All India Consumer Price Index for urban non-manual employees has been rising;

(b) if so what was the CPI at the end of September, 1987;

(c) whether it is a fact that this rise in the index has resulted in an increase in the annual rate of inflation; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K GADHVI) : (a) and (b) Data on monthly movement of All India Consumer Price Index Numbers (CPI) for Urban Non-Manual Employees (Base 1960= 100) during the past six months is given below

Month	Consumer Price Index for Urban Non-Manual Employees (Base 1960 = 100)
March 1987	625
April 1987	630
May 1987	638
June 1987	645
July 1987	658
August 1987 (Latest available)	670

(c) and (d) The CPI for Urban Non-Manual Employees reflects average change in retail prices applicable to that segment of urban population who are dependent on non-manual occupations and therefore is not an indicator of the general inflation rate in the economy as a whole. On the basis of this index the annual inflation rate works out to 9 3 per cent in August 1987.

Supreme Court observations on LIC

*149. SHRI R SAMBASIVA RAO
SHRI J P GOYAL .

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has recently made certain observations on Life Insurance Corporation,

(b) whether it is also a fact that these observations are intended to protect the persons belonging to poorer sections of the society from the ill-effects of the forfeiture clause in the LIC policies,

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has rejected the plea made by the LIC for expunction of these remarks; and

(d) if so, whether in view of the observations of the Supreme Court, LIC is going to amend the forfeiture clause suitable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir In its Judgement dated 22-1-1987 in the "Peerless General Finance and Invesetment Co. Ltd." case in which the LIC was not a party, the Supreme Court had made certain observations on the LIC These observations related to incidence of lapsation in the first three years and the effects of forfeiture of the lapsed policies on the poorer sections of the population

(c) and (d) The LIC had made a Revision Appeal to the Supreme Court and in deciding the appeal the Judges of the Supreme Court remarked that the observations in the Judgement dated 22-1-87 were intended to guide the LIC in the conduct of its business and not to hurt its reputation in any manner The LIC has taken into consideration the observations of the Supreme Court while recently liberalising provisions for revival of lapsed policies and conditions for settlement of death claims after payment of premiums for two complete years Considering the initial administrative expenditure, it has not been found possible to do away altogether with the non-forfeiture clause, which has legal sanction under the Insurance Act

Modification of Textile Policy

*150 SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI :
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian National Textiles Workers' Federation has recently demanded modification of the textile policy, reopening of closed textile mills and nationalisation of all the mills taken over and being run by NTC, and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.